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General Comment

I applaud DHHS for requiring coverage of preventive health services, such as contraception, without charging a co-payment. It is a testament to the agency's commitment to healthcare for all.

I am writing to strongly reinforce that you must resist political and other pressures from religious organizations and their spokespeople to eliminate any part of the guidelines, especially the ones related to contraception. It is distressing enough that a U.S. government agency has exemptions for employers whose main purpose is to promote religious doctrine. This is, in essence, a regulation/law respecting a specific religious belief, and should make the exemption unconstitutional. Please do not further dilute the value of your guidelines by succumbing to the religious fervor of any group.

Thank you for all the service you provide our country.